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SACWN

SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK INC.

SACWN PRESENTS...

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

"I LOVE COMEDY" CONCERT



It started during the ride to the airport after Suzanne Westenhoefer first appeared in Sacramento last February.

She kept saying that we were such a great audience and she could have gone on forever telling us her stories. She would turn to her partner Annie, and say, "Oh, I never talked about the dykes in work boots. And I never mentioned running around... Oh, may I come back?"

Could you say no to Suzanne Westenhoefer? So, she's coming back to tell us more of her witty, clever, and outrageous observations about life.

Join SACWN on Valentine's night at the Crest Theater for the "I Love Comedy Concert," you'll just love Suzanne!

Date: Saturday, February 14, 1998
Place: Crest Theater
1013 K Street, Sacramento
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: $ 15 Member
$ 20 Non-members and
At the Door

See ticket order form on inside back cover.

An event for the entire community.

From the Editor

They are coming from Reno and Lake Tahoe, from Modesto and Stockton, and from Fairfield and Tracy to see Suzanne Westenhoefer.

It's been a thrill to watch the women come in the door and see the tickets go out the door with them. As of press time, we have about 250 seats left. So do call if you are interested in seeing and hearing the wonderful comedy of Suzanne.

We also have a dance class underway on Saturdays Spring. Instructor John Bachelor has a way of making everyone feel as if they are the best student in the world. Watch for more information in the next issue of SACWN if you want to come under his spell.

Cris Williamson and Tret Fury have entertained us for many years. I saw Cris for the first time at the first Michigan Women's Festival in 1976, and she was a well-travelled performer at that point. There is something so sensual about the way she performs and caresses with her music. SACWN will be producing her concert on April 25th and tickets are now on sale.

So join SACWN and be part of the excitement coming this Spring!

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Special Interest Groups - February, 1998

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small groups of women who meet around a common interest. It's a great way to meet other lesbians in an informal environment. Just give the facilitator a call, and she'll be glad to tell you all about the group and their activities.

TOP 10

February 7th, we will be meeting at Cafe Vinoteca Italian Bistro, 3535 Fair Oaks Boulevard , at 6 p.m. RVSP to Paula at 967-0560 by February 5th.

TOP 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50! We meet at least once a month at restaurants around town. Occasionally we have fun at home parties. Come join us for an evening of fun!

THE BOOK GROUP

Interested in participating in discussion of books? Call **Joy 452-5513** to put your name on the list to be notified of future meetings.

1/2 FAST HIKING GROUP

We're an active, well-organized group which gets together once a month to go day hiking. Please call for details. Join us ! Ann 443-3638 and Sue 927-8320.

SINGLES GROUP

As Suzann and Betty were happily traveling down that single road, they ran into detours. This means we need new leadership for the Singles Group.

We highly recommend this position. Advantages include talking with a terrific group of women.

For the month of February, Mary at 395-4147 has offered to be the contact person for the following events:

Feb 8, 7 p.m., join us for the play, Six Women With Brain Death.

February 28, 6 p.m. potluck dinner followed by a movie in the Elk Grove/Laguna area.

RSVP for details.

NEWCOMERS

New to the community? New to SACWN? Or do you just want to come out and meet new friends? Call **Diana 487-3124** to find out about the upcoming meeting.

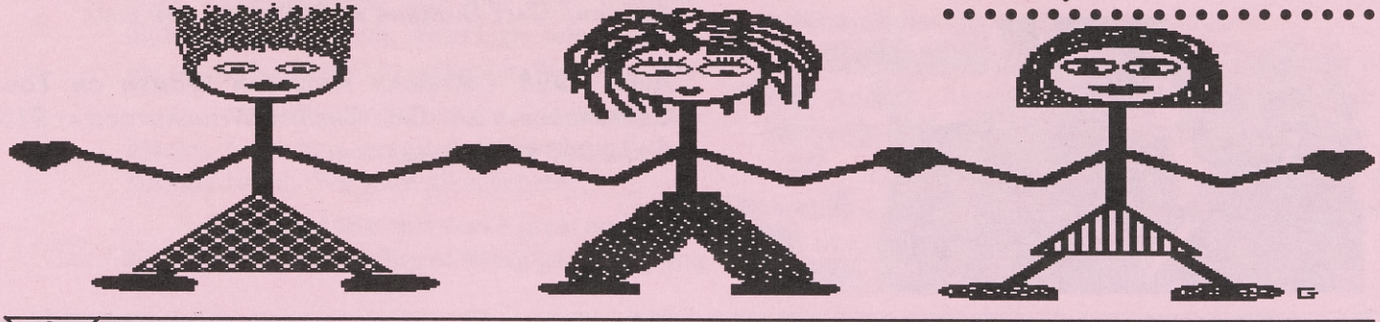
ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Is there something you like to do, that you'd rather not do alone? Or do you and your partner want to meet other women who share similar interests? Facilitating a SACWN Special Interest Group (SIG) is a great way to make that happen.

The rules are simple. You set the date, plan the happening and call the SACWN office to let us know. That part's easy, too. Just dictate your announcement on to the answering machine; or to make sure it's spelled right in the newsletter, fax it in.

Information is needed by the third Friday of the month before publication. The SIG needs to advertise only in SACWN, and all SACWN members must be welcome to attend. No funds may be collected by the SIGs, except those that will be used directly in that event (paper plates and napkin, that kind of collection for reimbursement is okay, but no admission may be charged by the facilitator.)

If I don't hear from you about your SIG for two months running, I consider you are not meeting and will pull the ad. There is an obligation on your part to communicate with this office to remain supported, but that's all there is to it. It's a great way to meet people, a wonderful way to build community.



SACWN CALENDAR

SACWN EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14
I LOVE COMEDY CONCERT
WITH SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
BE A SACWN SWEETHEART SPONSOR

We have a special deal for you. SACWN is seeking Sweetheart Sponsorships for the Suzanne Westenhoefer concert. For $50, our Sweethearts will receive a ticket to the concert, with a guaranteed "up front, first three rows" seat, and admission to a private post-show party to schmooze with the star. The party will be held at 1201 K Street, less than 2 blocks from the theater.

See the order form on page 8 for the purchase of tickets. Please note that this concert will be open to the entire community.

MARCH 6
SACWN NIGHT AT LAMBDA PLAYERS
"THE CAPTIVE"

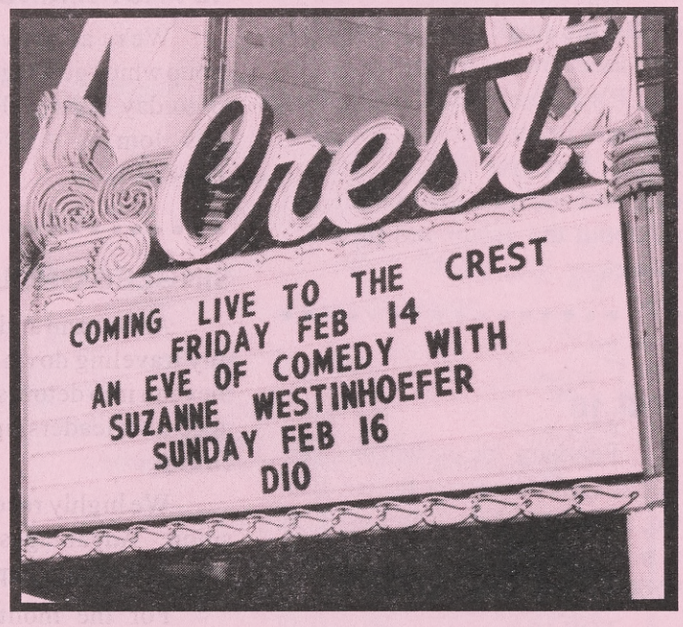
Board a luxury liner for a trip back in time to Paris where a young lesbian struggles with her desires and the morals and family values of the1920's. This classic played successfully in Paris and Berlin, but was banned from Broadway in 1927 for its pro-lesbian content, and has not been produced since. At the Geery Theater, 2130 L Street, in Sacramento. See order form on page 6.

APRIL 25
CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURY
IN CONCERT

Chris Williamson has been writing and playing music for women since the late 60's. She is one of the most outstanding performers of lesbian music. With her partner of many years, Tret Fury, she will perform songs from their latest album as well as "classics" of our times. Mark your calendar now for a delightful musical experience. See page 6 for ticket order form.



IT WAS JUST LAST YEAR.....



IN THE COMMUNITY

***February 12 - Lesbian Support Group in Auburn** at the Dewitt Center from 7-9 p.m. For information, call 632-7080*

***February 22 - Gay and Lesbian Sierrans Cross country skiing.** Call Suzanne at 668-0691 for info.*

***February 28 - Gay and Lesbian Sierrans Point Reyes Sky trail hike** Call Marilyn at 457-4857 for info.*

***March 12 - Lesbian Support Group in Auburn** at the Dewitt Center from 7-9 p.m. For information, call 632-7080*

***March 21- Gay and Lesbian Sierrans Bike ride near Auburn.** Call Suzanne at 668-0691 for info.*

***April 1998 - African American Women on Tour Conference** in LA. Call Cherise Witherspoon at 916-689-8048 for information.*

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

It's a warm day, the sun is reflecting off the water, a small umbrella sits on the bough of the boat providing shade to the grey and white whippet, Andrew, as waves slap slowly against the hull. Outside, the world is at peace, but inside each of the women grouped around the seats on the boat, a great change is happening. That dreaded hormone imbalance that happens to women nearing their fifties. It is about this that Luckii Ludwig has based her recent novel, *Rites of Passage*. The battle with menopause. Facing this great change herself, Luckii reflects on her many conversations with friends and has created a lighthearted story about a group of friends who travel to Lake Tahoe for sharing and support. However, this isn't Luckii's first novel.

Luckii started out years ago in the little papermill town of Albany, Oregon. After graduating and leaving behind her first lesbian love from high school, who went off and got married, Luckii headed for the University of Montana. Luckii graduated with a B.A. in journalism in 1965. Then, she got married. For one night.

"You know those stories you hear about, where the bride locks herself in the bathroom on her wedding night? They're all lesbians who've just discovered they made a big mistake," Luckii jokes. "He was my college buddy and everyone else was getting married. I didn't know any better."

After getting divorced as quickly as she got married, Luckii moved to Washington, where she became the first woman sports editor on the west coast, working for the *Renton Record Chronicle*. While in Seattle, Luckii experienced her first gay bar. "I walked in, and just went, 'Ah!' I knew I was home."

In 1967, during the heart of the racial wars, Luckii roomed with four other lesbians, including one African American, while getting her master's degree at a college in West Virginia.

"Everyone hated us. The whites, the blacks, but when we all went to the gay bar, nobody cared. We were all accepted."

She said that this was a great and awful time for her. The reality of being gay and going



to college and living in a racist time in a small town was full of enlightening experiences.

After leaving college Luckii headed back to the west coast to pursue her journalism career. After working for a local bay area paper as an investigative reporter, a police reporter, and then as a dispatcher and reserve officer in Contra Costa, Luckii wrote her first book based on a true incident. *Coincidence* is the story of a triple homocide. Luckii says she would like to rewrite it now that she has more experience. It was published but, Luckii says, it could have been better.

While San Francisco was a great place to live, her heart moved Luckii to Davis, California, where a woman she'd become involved with was living. Thinking she would just be able to write books, Luckii put all her effort into this venue, but when that didn't happen the way she planned, she got her contractor's license and began painting. That was twenty years ago, and Luckii just recently retired. Now she has written *Rites of Passage* and plans to continue writing. She published the book herself under her own company she named Fore-Reel. Luckii likes to fish and golf and has written articles for sporting magazines.

Luckii still lives in Davis and shares her life with Andrew, her Whippet. "If you don't have a partner you have to have a dog."

Luckii says the meaning of success is to go through life, weather all the storms and look at yourself and like what you see.



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I love comedy concert

with Suzanne Westenhoefer

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8 p.m.

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